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OF THE SOCIETY OF

Admitted into the Company
21st, March 1794. —

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OF SUCH OF THE

BY-LAWS of the SOCIETY of
APOTHECARIES, *London*, as
concern the Members thereof
in general.

It is ordained and ordered,

THAT every Person, on his Ad-
mission to the Freedom of the
said Society, shall take the following
Oath, viz.

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YOU shall swear to be true to our Sovereign Lord King GEORGE, and to be *obedient* to the *Master* and *Wardens* of this Society, in all lawful Manner. You shall also keep secret all the lawful *Counsel* of this Fellowship: And all *Rules*, *Impositions*, and *Ordinances*, made, or that hereafter shall be lawfully made and ordained, for the good Ordering of the said Fellowship, you shall well and truly *observe* and *keep*: And, to your Power, you shall be willing, helping, and furthering, to the good Government and Wealth of the said Fellowship; and shall not be *party* or *privy* to any *Counsel* or *Device* that may be to the *Hurt* or *Hinderance* of the said Society, or to the overthrowing or breaking of the *good Laws* and *Ordinances* of the same; but all such Practices, Counsels, and Devices, you shall *disclose* to the Master and Wardens of the said Society,

Society, and them labour to hinder and break so much as in you lieth.

So help you G O D.

THAT every Member of the said Society shall appear before the *Court of Assistants*, or of *Master and Wardens*, when summoned thereto, unless there be some reasonable Cause to the contrary, upon Pain to forfeit for the first Default *Two Shillings and Sixpence*, for the second Default *Five Shillings*, and for every subsequent Default double the Sum last forfeited.

THAT four Courts of Assistants, or more if requisite, shall be held by the Master and Wardens in every Year, at which the several Busineses of the Society shall be considered and determined; and one or more Courts of common Hall shall be also held in every

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Year, to which all the Members, residing within seven Miles of the City, (being the Extent appointed in their Charter,) shall be distinctly summoned, at which the Laws and Orders of the Society, or such of them as the Members present shall desire, shall be deliberately read over; and such Matters, as the Court may think proper to take the Opinion of the Members in general upon, shall be then considered.

THAT the Court of Assistants shall call and admit into the *Livery* of the said Society, so many of the *Yeomanry* as they shall think fit; and that every Person, so called, shall, upon his *Admission*, pay a *Fine* not exceeding *Twenty Pounds* nor less than *Fifteen Pounds*, and also *Twenty Shillings* towards the Support and Improvement of the said Society's *Physic Garden*, upon Pain, in Case of Refusal, without reasonable
Excuse,

Excuse, to forfeit *Six Pounds, Thirteen Shillings, and Fourpence*, for every such Refusal.

THAT the Master and Wardens shall yearly appoint one Day in the several Months of *April, May, June, August, and September*, as *private Herbarizing Days*, and choose one of the Members of the said Society to be *Leader* for each of the said Months, and shall allow to every such Leader, for the Entertainment of the Company present, *Ten Pounds*; and every Person so chosen, who shall neglect or refuse to execute the said Office, without reasonable Excuse, to forfeit *Ten Pounds*.

THAT the *Assistants* and *Livery* shall attend in their *Gowns* on *Confirmation-Day*, upon Pain to forfeit *Ten Shillings* for every such Neglect, not having a reasonable Excuse.

THAT no Member, except the Person or Persons who are at the Expence of the Entertainment, shall bring a Guest to any of the *pubic Dinners* of the said Society, on Penalty of *Ten Shillings*: The Master, Wardens, and Assistants, may each bring one Servant only.

THAT the Court of Assistants shall elect four Members of the said Society (who have not before served or fined for the Office) to be *Stewards*, for providing a *Dinner*, on *Lord-Mayor's Day*, or any other public Occasion: And, that every Person so chosen, who shall neglect or refuse to provide such Entertainment, or to contribute his Share of the Charge thereof, without reasonable Excuse, shall pay a Fine not exceeding *Twenty Pounds*.

THAT

THAT the Court of Assistants shall elect *four* Persons out of the *Yeomanry* of the said Society, to be *Gentlemen Ushers*, to attend with *gilded Chains* and *white Staves* on Lord-Mayor's Day, or other Day of public Rejoicing; and that every Person so elected, who shall refuse or neglect to perform the said Service, without reasonable Excuse, shall pay a Fine not exceeding *Forty Shillings*.

THAT the Court of Assistants shall elect four Members of the said Society to be *Stewards*, for providing a *Dinner*, on the Day for *public Herbarizing*, to be held in the Month of *July* yearly, for the better improving the *Science* of *Botany*, to which all the Members of the said Society shall be summoned: And every Person so chosen, who shall refuse or neglect to provide such Entertainment,

tainment, or to bear his Proportion of the Charge thereof, without reasonable Excuse, to forfeit *Fifteen Pounds*.

THAT no Member of the said Society shall make any Medicine of *faulty* or *defective Drugs* or *Simples*, upon Pain to forfeit *Five Pounds* for every such Offence.

THAT it shall be lawful for the Master, Wardens, and Assistants, with such of the Livery as they shall appoint, to enter into the *Shops* and *Warehouses* of the Freemen of the said Society, to *examine* their *Drugs* and *Medicines*; and if, upon such Examination, they shall find any *decayed* or *corrupt Drugs* or *Medicines* kept for Sale, every Offender therein shall, for every such Offence, pay a Fine not exceeding *Five Pounds*; and that every Member of the
said

said Society, who shall by himself, Servants, or others, *refuse* or *obstruct* the said Search, shall, for every such Offence, pay a Fine not exceeding *Twenty Pounds*.

THAT no Member of the said Society shall be *discharged* or *translated* to another *Company*, without the Consent of the Court of Assistants, upon Pain to forfeit *Fifty Pounds*.

THAT every Member of the said Society shall bring his intended *Apprentice*, within *two Months* after Entertainment, before the Master and Wardens, on some Court-Day, to be *examined*, touching his Knowledge of the *Latin Tongue*; and, if upon such Examination he shall be found qualified, *but not otherwise*, to be bound for the Term of *eight Years*.

THAT

THAT every Master, free of the City of London, who shall bind an Apprentice, is to carry him to Guildhall to be enrolled in the Chamberlain's Office.

THAT no Member of the said Society shall *turn over* his Apprentice to any other Person, without the Consent of the Master and Wardens, upon Pain to forfeit *Ten Pounds*; nor *take* into his *Service* another Member's Apprentice, without the like Consent, upon Pain to forfeit *Twenty Pounds*.

THAT every Person, applying to be *made Free* of the said Society by *Patrimony*, shall, before his Admission, pass an Examination, and pay *Six Shillings and Eight-pence over and above* the accustomed Fees.

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THAT every Member of the said Society shall pay *Eighteen Pence* every Quarter, or *Six Shillings* a Year, towards the Expences of the Corporation and the Garden at Chelsea, upon Pain of forfeiting *Forty Shillings* for every such Neglect.

THAT every Member of the said Society shall obey these *Ordinances*, and be of good Behaviour to the *Master, Wardens, and Assistants*, on Penalty of a Fine not exceeding *Five Pounds*.

AND that all *Fines* shall be recovered by *Action of Debt*.

FREEMEN to pay all Taxes and Duties, on Penalty of *Forty Shillings* above the Sum assessed; and do and perform all Services enjoined them, Penalty *Forty Shillings* for each Service.

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N. B. Wherever it is mentioned, that a Member may produce a reasonable Excuse for Non-observance of any of these Rules, it must be such as the Master and Wardens shall allow to be reasonable.

